Extent of loss to GDP due to disasters

511. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the review of World Bank direct disaster losses on an average amount of 2 per cent of India's GDP and consume up to 12 per cent of Central Government's revenues yearly;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(c) the crucial areas identified for such disasters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) As per World Bank study, published in June 2003, India lost upto 2.25% of its GDP and upto 12.15% of Central Government revenues during 1996-2000 due to natural disasters. India is vulnerable to various types of disasters: 55% of its land is prone to earthquake, 8% is vulnerable to cyclone and 5% vulnerable to flood.

CAG'S report on slow pace of MPF

†512. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that questions have been raised in CAG's report with regard to slow pace of Modernization of Police Force (MPF);

(b) if so, the details of the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to complete the task of modernization of police force at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the C&AG's report titled "Audit Evaluation of Modernisation of Police Force in India – January, 2009", the constraints in Modernisation of Police Force, *inter-alia*, included lack of coordination between revenue and police departments in making the land available for police housing and infrastructure creation, sub-optimal levels of manpower position, lack of training in handling sophisticated technology, inadequate preparation to absorb the new technology, etc. However, the report has observed that almost all States had been benefited from the Ministry of Home Affairs' enhanced funding programme.

(c) Although 'Police' is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to modernize and equip its police forces adequately, the Ministry of Home Affairs is supplementing the efforts of State Governments in modernising its police forces by providing Central assistance under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme). During the period 2000-01 to 2008-09, a total amount of Rs. 8856.83 crore was released by the Ministry of Home Affairs to States under the Scheme.

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